

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF

CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

1948

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Health of Clayton-le-Moors

by

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July 1948

and

Dr. R. C. Webster.

Medical Officer of Health,

and

J. H. BRIDGE,

Sanitary Inspector.



Health Department,  
Council Offices,  
Clayton-le-Moors.

October, 1949.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CLAYTON-LE-MOORS.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Report for the  
Year 1948 on the Health of the Urban District.

During the year the National Health Service Act and  
the National Assistance Act came into force, and we look  
forward to the profound influence which these acts must  
have on health services.

The maternal mortality rate was nil; the infant  
mortality rate was 9; this seemingly remarkable reduction  
from the figure of 74 in the previous year is of limited  
significance since in small groups figures fluctuate in  
an exaggerated manner. But the low figures, the fact that  
diseases of the later part of life are the major causes  
of deaths, and the generally low figures for infectious  
diseases broadly indicate a satisfactory state of the  
health of the community.

The major problem which forms the background to all  
public health work is that of housing. It must be  
observed that in part, the housing problem is due to the  
higher standards demanded, and very rightly demanded  
nowadays. Conditions of overcrowding and of inferior  
housing which were accepted less than 100 years ago are  
now rejected. The Public Health Service has in the past  
played its part in helping to raise standards, and has  
thus contributed to the very problem we now seek to solve.  
We all hope that circumstances will allow of continued  
efforts to ease the present difficulties.

I thank the committee for entrusting to me the office of Medical Officer of Health, and in no formal way would express sincere thanks to your Clerk and to your Sanitary Inspector for the friendly contact established between us.

To you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, the sincere thanks of this Department are given for the courtesy and help you have afforded to the Health Staff, and for the interest you have always shown in matters relative to the Public Health in the District.

I have the honour to be,

Nr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. C. WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area in acres.....	1060
Population - Census 1931.....	7909
Resident Population (mid 1948).....	6698
No. of inhabited houses - Census 1931.....	2101
No. of inhabited houses - 1948.....	2245
Rateable value.....	£40,684
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£ 155

VITAL STATISTICS

	Total	Male	Female
Live (Legitimate	107	59	48
Births (Illegitimate	4	2	2
Total	111	61	50
Still Births	1	1	-
Deaths	86	39	47
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	1	1	-

Birth-rate per 1,000 of estimated population.....	16.5
Death-rate per 1,000 of estimated population.....	12.8
Death-rate from tuberculosis of respiratory system per 1,000 of estimated population.....	0.14
Death-rate from cancer per 1,000 of estimated population.....	2.09
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live births ...	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total live and still births.....	Nil
Rate of deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	9

Deaths from Puerperal Causes

Puerperal and post-abortion sepsis.....  
 Other maternal causes.....

Deaths  
 Nil  
 Nil

Causes of death during 1948	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis of respiratory system.....	1	-	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis....	-	-	-
Influenza.....	1	-	1
Cancer of buccal cavity and oesoph: (M) Uterus (F).....	-	3	3
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
Cancer of breast.....	-	2	2
Cancer of all other sites.....	2	6	8
Diabetes.....	2	-	2
Inter-cranial vascular lesions	2	6	8
Heart Diseases.....	19	25	44
Other diseases of circulatory system.....	-	1	1
Bronchitis.....	3	-	3
Pneumonia.....	2	1	3
Other respiratory diseases.....	-	-	-
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	-	1
Diarrhoea under 2 years.....	-	-	-
Other digestive diseases.....	1	-	1
Nephritis.....	-	-	-
Premature birth .....	-	-	-
Congenital malformations birth injuries (infant)	1	-	1
Suicide.....	-	1	1
Road traffic accidents.....	-	-	-
Other violent causes.....	1	-	1
Other causes.....	2	2	4
	39	47	86

Cancer (all ages).....  
 Measles (all ages).....  
 Whooping Cough (all ages).....  
 Diphtheria (all ages).....

Deaths  
 15  
 15  
 15  
 15

Birth-rates, Civilian Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality and Case-rates for Certain Infectious Diseases in the Year 1948. Provisional figures based on Quarterly Returns.

	England and Wales	126 C.Bs. and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns Resident Pop. 25,000 - 50,000 at 1931 Census	London Adm. County
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population				
<u>Births</u>				
Live Births	17.9(a)	20.0	19.2	20.1
Still Births	0.42(a)	0.52	0.43	0.39
<u>Deaths</u>				
All Causes	10.8(a)	11.6	10.7	11.6
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01
Diphtheria	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Tuberculosis	0.51	0.59	0.46	0.63
Influenza	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.02
Smallpox	-	-	-	-
Acute Polio- myelitis and Polioencepha- litis	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Pneumonia	0.41	0.38	0.36	0.54
<u>Notifications</u> <u>(Corrected)</u>				
Typhoid fever	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Paratyphoid fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Cerebro- spinal fever	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03



(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population				
<u>Notifications</u> (cont'd)				
Scarlet fever	1.73	1.90	1.82	1.37
Whooping Cough	3.42	3.51	3.31	3.13
Diphtheria	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.10
Erysipelas	0.21	0.23	0.21	0.22
Smallpox	-	-	-	-
Measles	9.34	9.75	8.84	9.17
Pneumonia	0.73	0.84	0.60	0.57
Acute Polio- myelitis	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04
Acute Polioence- phalitis	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rates per 1,000 Live Births				
<u>Deaths</u>				
All causes under 1 year of age	34(b)	39	32	31
Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	3.3	4.5	2.1	2.4
Rates per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births				
<u>Notifications</u> (corrected)				
Puerperal fever and pyrexia	6.89	8.90	4.71	7.34(c)

Maternal Mortality in England and Wales

	Rates per 1,000 Total (Live and still) Births.	Rates per million women aged 15-44
140 Abortion with Sepsis	0.11	9
141 " without "	0.05	4
147 Puerperal infections	0.13	
142-146, 148-150 Other maternal causes	0.73	

(a) Rates per 1,000 total population (b) Per 1,000 related births. (c) In London Puerperal fever alone was 0.61.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA: 1948Ambulance Facilities

These are provided by the Lancashire County Council.

Nursing

The Accrington District Nursing Association provided home nursing in Clayton-le-Moors, as from 5th. July, 1948 this service was taken over by the Lancashire County Council.

There were very few enquiries for Home Help, and no applications to be registered under the Home Help Scheme were received.

Maternity and Child Welfare

This service is administered by the Lancashire County Council. Infant Welfare Clinics were continued weekly and Ante and Post-Natal Clinics monthly. The help of the ladies of the voluntary committee at the Infant Welfare Clinic is again gratefully acknowledged.

School Medical Inspection

The school medical service is provided by the County Council. Medical Inspection was carried out by the Medical Officer of the County Council.

The School Clinics continued as usual at Rishton comprising Minor Ailments, Orthopaedic, Ophthalmic and Dental Clinics.

Immunisation Clinics were held regularly at the Welfare Centre.



Hospitals.

No Hospitals or Registered Nursing Homes existed within the Urban District.

Health Education

The services outlined above are available to all and are, generally speaking, well used. Efforts are made to secure a wider use of the Health Services by the personal recommendation of the Medical Officer, Health Visitors, School Teachers and others. Posters are exhibited at the Town Hall, Welfare Centre, Clinics and in the Schools.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREAWater Supply

The Accrington District Gas and Water Board undertake this service and make the necessary tests of the quality of the water. The supply was constant and sufficient as every house is served, no extension of piped supplies has been required.

Drainage and Sewage

This service is undertaken by the Clayton-le-Moors and Great Harwood Joint Sewerage Board, and extends to all premises save a few isolated farms. Periodical testing and flushing was carried out.

Scavenging is carried out by the Health Department of the Local Authority.

Further details regarding Sanitary circumstances, Housing and Inspection and Supervision of Food, are contained in the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year and the number of deaths from the disease which occurred in the various age groups.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respir- atory.		Non Respir- atory.		Respir- atory.		Non Respir- atory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years:								
0.....								
1.....								
5.....								
10.....			1					
15.....				1				
20.....								
25.....	1	1						
35.....						1		
45.....	2				1			
55.....	1							
65 and upwards		1						
Totals	4	2	1	1	1	1	-	-
	6		2		2		-	

The Tuberculosis Service for the area was administered by the County Council and one of their principal dispensaries is only a few yards outside the boundary of the Urban District.

This Dispensary is constantly open with a full clerical and health visiting staff. One consultant and one other Tuberculosis Officer of the County Council attend several times a week to see patients recommended for consultation by local practitioners or cases found by the Medical Officer in course of routine work in schools, ante-natal or welfare clinics.

#### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

The table below shows the number of cases of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis during the year.

Notifiable Diseases	Total Cases all ages	Removed to Hospital	Deaths in Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-	-
Diphtheria	1	1	-	-
Measles	17	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	16	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	1	-	-	1
Total	36	1	-	1

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASES GENERALLY

The Local Authority had contracted with the Borough of Darwen to admit infectious cases to their Infectious Diseases Hospital, but in January 1948 this hospital closed, and subsequently cases were admitted to Park Lee Hospital, Blackburn.

One case of Diphtheria was reported during the year.

During 1948, 54 children in Clayton-le-Moors were immunised against diphtheria, and two received booster doses.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES, HOUSING, INSPECTIONS,

AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Sanitary Inspections

The number of premises visited during 1948 was 214.

From these visits 495 nuisances and defects were noted and 389 were remedied.

11 statutory and 172 informal notices were issued.

Closet Accommodation

Number of houses using:-

Fresh Water Closets (connected to sewers)...	611
Waste Water Closets (estimated).....	1626
Pail Closet System.....	6
Privy Midden System.....	2
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Total number of inhabited houses	2245
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193 blocked drains in connection with slop-water closets were opened.

During the year 17 waste-water closets were converted to fresh water closets.

Ashpit Accommodation

Number of houses at which moveable ashbins were substituted for fixed receptacles during year - 4.

There are 2244 moveable ashbins.

The tipping is controlled, the tip being situated at Butterworth Holme.

CLEANSING 1948

Ashpits emptied.....	7
Ashpails emptied.....	67731
Cesspools etc. emptied.....	3
Privy Pails.....	114
Motor loads of house refuse removed to tips.	872
Horse Cart loads of street sweepings removed to tips...	20
Hand cart loads of street sweepings removed to tips...	2107
Motor loads of gulley refuse removed to tips	68
Motor loads of clinkers used for top dressing...	31
Houses fumigated.....	2
Blocked drains and W.C's opened.....	193
New houses certified as fit for human habitation.....	8

Details of Salvage Collected and Sold during  
Financial Year Ending 31st. March, 1949

	approx. value					
	T.	C.	Q.	£.	s.	d.
Paper.....	48.	18	2	311	2	9
Textiles.....	1	3	2	10	10	11
Bottles and Jars.....				1	3	1
Raw Kitchen Waste (Untreated).....	36	0	0	24	11	6
	86	2	0	347	8	3

Shops Act, 1934

20 shops were inspected under the above Act and no infringement of the Act was observed.

Eradication of Bedbugs

No houses were found to be infested.



Offensive Trades

The principal type of offensive trade in this district is soap boiling, and no action was required to be taken, as these works are very satisfactory.

Workshops and Workplaces

The number on the register was 89 and their condition on the whole was satisfactory.

The number of factories inspected with mechanical power.....	23
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The number of factories inspected without mechanical power .....	6
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The number of defects found on these premises were:-

Want of cleanliness.....	1
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Sanitary Convenience

(a) Insufficient.....	-
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(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	2
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(c) Not separate for sexes.....	1
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Other offences.....	2
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HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, 1948

Total number of houses erected during the year.... 8

(i) By the Local Authority..... 8

(ii) By other Local Authorities..... -

(iii) By other bodies or persons..... -

Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)..... 44

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... 119

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932..... 17

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose..... 30

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..... Nil

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation..... 44

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:-

Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers..... 23

## Action under statutory powers during the year:-

- (a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs..... 10
  - (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
    - (a) By owners..... 8
    - (b) By local authority in default of owners..... Nil
- (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied..... 1
  - (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
    - (a) By owners..... 1
    - (b) By local authority in default of owners..... Nil
- (c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made..... Nil
  - (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders..... Nil

Housing Act 1926, Part IV Overcrowding

(a)	(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year.....	42
	(2)	Number of families dwelling therein.....	66
	(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein.....	288
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.....	28
(c)	(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.....	9
	(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases.....	55

Housing conditions

The general observations as to housing conditions are as follows:-

The majority of the houses are stone-built and of the working-class type - without baths and the closets are on the waste water system.

There are no back-to-back houses, nor are there any back-to-earth types of houses.

Sufficiency of supply of houses.

The shortage of houses remains acute and many houses of the 3-bedroom type are required.

Roads and streets were under construction, with a view to the erection of 40 houses.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Meat and other foods:- The slaughtering of all animals has been undertaken outside the District.

The following foodstuffs were examined and condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

	lbs.
Meat.....	140
Evaporated Milk.....	8
Orange Fruit Juice.....	3
Beans.....	4
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Total.	<u>155</u>

Milk Supply.

Under the Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915, and Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, and the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, inspections were made, and milk samples were taken regularly at the farms.

The Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936 and 1938.

Number of dealers licences (including supplementary licences) issued by the Local Authority during 1943, in respect of Tuberculin Tested Milk:-

Bottling.....	None.
Distribution.....	2

Number of licences issued in respect of  
"Pasteurised" Milk:-

Pasteurising Plant.....	-
Retail Distributors.....	4

#### Farms.

Number of Dairy Farms.....	9
Approximate number of cows in district.....	130
Number of cow-keepers (including dairy farms).	9
Number on Register.....	9
Number of inspections during the year.....	27
Number of dairymen (other than cow-keepers) or milk purveyors.....	13

#### Ice Cream

All retailers of ice-cream have, during the year, provided themselves with electric conservators, and the manufacturers have brought their premises up to a higher standard. Samples of ice-cream have been taken regularly and sent to the Pathological Dept., of the Royal Infirmary, Blackburn to be tested for cleanliness.

#### Infectious Diseases

2 houses were disinfected during the year after infectious diseases.

12 books were fumigated from the library prior to re-circulation.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. H. BRIDGE.

Sanitary Inspector.